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35. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein the adhesive is a hydroactive adhesive.
36. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 35 wherein the adhesive is one which, as a continuous layer having a thickness of 20 microns, has an MVTR of 15,000 g m⁻² 24hr⁻¹.
37. (Amended) The wound dressing of claim 47 wherein said first wound contact layer is comprised of calcium alginate.
38. (Amended) The wound dressing of claim 47 wherein said first wound contact layer is comprised of a material which promotes clotting via agglutination of red cells.

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41. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein layer (i) is a felt.
42. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein said layer (i) comprises calcium alginate.
43. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein said layer (i) comprises zinc alginate.
44. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 47 wherein said layer (i) comprises silver alginate.

In accordance with Rule 1.121, a marked up version of these claims is supplied as an attachment hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 20-25, 28-39, 41-44 and 46-47 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 19, 27, 40 and 45 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 in view of Ansell

Claims 19, 24, 30-31, 33-35 and 37-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 in view of Ansell, U.S. Patent No. 5,183,664. Applicant has amended the remaining claims to depend on claim 47 which was not including in this rejection. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is moot in view of the amended claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Ansell and Perrault

Claims 19, 20-22, 24, 27-38 and 40-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ansell in view of Perrault, U.S. Patent No. 5,470,625. Applicant respectfully traverses in view of the amended claims.

Applicant submits that Ansell in view of Perrault neither teaches nor suggests the elements of the claimed invention. Specifically,

the examiner contends that it is well known in the art to decrease the hydrophilicity or absorbency of wound filling material by allowing the filling material to exude rather than absorb so as to apply a medicament to the wound site.

Applicant respectfully submits that neither Ansell nor Perrault support this allegation. Perrault describes a wound packing material comprised of individual segments of hydrogel (or other absorbent material) enclosed within a liquid permeable pliable material and formed somewhat like a strand of beads (see e.g., Perrault Figs.2-3) The citation to Perrault, Column 2, lines 33-37, states, “Knitted and woven materials and net-like materials of the aforementioned may be controlled with respect to porosity by controlling the knitting or weaving pattern (tight to loose).” This merely discusses that Perrault’s outer fabric may be made with controlled porosity. It does not teach or suggest decreasing hydrophilicity or absorbency by allowing the material to exude. Moreover, even if Perrault did suggest such a conclusion, the Examiner’s contention and

the cited combination does not teach or suggest the claimed wound dressing with a second layer of greater hydrophilicity than a first wound contact layer. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn in view of the amended claims.

Claims 20-25, 28-39, 41-44 and 46 (as amended) are dependent upon claim 47 and as such are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above.

Applicant submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance and action towards such is respectfully requested. If it would be helpful to this process, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT

MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

20. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim ~~19~~47 wherein the hydrophilicity of layer (ii) is at least twice that of layer (i).
22. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim ~~19~~47 wherein layer (i) has a thickness of 50 to 1,000 microns.
24. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim ~~19~~47 wherein the layer (i) is one which is capable of debriding the wound.
25. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim ~~19~~47 wherein layer (i) delivers a component to the wound.
28. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim ~~19~~47 wherein layer (ii) has a thickness of 1,000 to 5,000 microns.
29. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim ~~19~~47 wherein layer (ii) is a felt comprised of sodium alginate/calcium alginate, sodium calcium carboxymethyl cellulose, sodium zinc carboxymethyl cellulose, sodium calcium polyacrylate or sodium calcium cargeenin.
30. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim ~~19~~47 wherein the film has an MVTR in the presence of moisture vapor alone of 2,000 to 2,500 g m⁻² 24hr⁻¹.
31. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim ~~19~~47 wherein the film has an MVTR in the presence of liquid water of 6,000 to 30,000 g m⁻² 24hr⁻¹.
32. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim ~~19~~47 wherein the film has a thickness of 30-70 microns.
33. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim ~~19~~47 wherein the film is of a polyurethane.
34. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim ~~19~~47 wherein an adhesive is provided on the film for bonding the latter to skin around the wound.
35. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim ~~34~~47 wherein the adhesive is a hydroactive adhesive.

36. (Amended) A dressing as claimed in claim 35 wherein the adhesive is one which, as a continuous layer having a thickness of 20 microns, has an MVTR of 15,000 g m⁻² 24hr⁻¹.
37. (Amended) The wound dressing of claim ~~47~~19 wherein said first wound contact layer is comprised of calcium alginate.
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